Employment opportunities

†990. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government are taking to create additional employment opportunities;

(b) the number of persons targeted to be provided employment in the year 2006;

(c) the concrete efforts being made by Government to achieve the target;

(d) the number of unemployed persons registered in Employment Exchanges in the country at present; and

(e) whether it is a fact that no information with regard to interview is given by the private industrial houses to the persons registered in Employment Exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) A target of creation of around 5 crore employment opportunities (one crore employment opportunities per year on an average) has been fixed for the 10th Plan period (2002-2007). For achieving these targets, Government is focusing on higher growth rate of the economy as well as promoting labour intensive sectors. Government is also implementing various poverty alleviation and employment generation programmes both in rural and urban areas. Latest initiative taken by the Government in the rural areas is the launch of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, which aims at providing 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a year to each rural house hold.

(d) As per the information available as on 30th November 2005, around 3.9 crore jobseekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, are registered with the employment exchanges in the country.

(e) Employment Exchanges sponsor the candidates against the vacancies notified to them by the employers. Employers in turn, shortlist the candidates as per their requirements and issue the interview letters to them accordingly.

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